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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4787

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG PFOR US FJR

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: INFORMATION ON FIJI

REF: STATE 37591

1. WALTER V. HALL, DEPUTY CHIEF MISSION, IS DESIGNATED MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EMBASSY.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 7 OF REF TEL:

A. FIJI PRIMARY MULTILATERAL INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO BE LAW OF THE SEA. IN REGIONAL MULTILATERAL BODIES SUCH AS SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM AND SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION FIJI WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION. FIJI WILL HOST EEC/ACP MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE THIS YEAR,  
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EXPECTED TO BE FIRST MEETING OF THIS GROUP FOLLOWING RATIFICATION

OF LOME CONVENTION.

B. FIJI HAS NOT ALIGNED ITSELF WITH ANY GROUPS OF COUNTRIES.  
FIJI HAS INFLUENCE IN SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL BODIES  
BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE, ADVANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND MEMBERSHIP  
IN UN.

C. EMBASSY BELIEVES DELS TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ARE  
GIVEN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS BUT WITH CERTAIN LEEWAY TO REACT  
TO UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS. EFFECTIVE CONTROL HAMPERED BY  
SMALL FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF AND LIMITED NUMBER OF OVERSEAS MISSION.

D. NO.

E. FIJI IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LISTEN TO EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS,  
BUT MAINTAINS INDEPENDENT STAND ON ISSUES. FIJI WOULD  
FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT CONCEPT THAT INTERACTION ON  
ISSUES IS PART OF BILATERAL RELATION. FIJI SOLICITS USG SUPPORT  
LESS FREQUENTLY THAN USG SOLICITS FIJI SUPPORT.  
HALL

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